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PROGRAMS IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH"/JWGMC MTG.

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1. WE NOTE INCLUSION OF NEW PROPOSAL "EVALUATION OF SECONDARY
TECHNICAL NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM" IN AGENDA FOR JULY JWGMCMTG.
(REF B). ASSUME THIS IS SAME PROPOSAL FORWARDED REF A. WE HAVE
ASKED MOH TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL WHO WILL HAVE CONTINUING
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT BUT
HAVE NOT YET FORWARDED IT FOR SIGNATURE BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERNS
ABOUT SOME ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET. SALARIES ARE, IN ALMOST ALL
CASES, HIGHER THAN EGYPTIAN NORMS.

2. WE REALIZE THAT PROPOSAL INCLUDES A FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL
AND SUPPORT STAFF WHO PRESUMABLY WILL WORK ONLY FOR THE PROJECT.
IN THE CASE OF KEY INDIVIDUALS, E.G. PROJECT DIRECTOR (LISTED AT
LE.8,612), WE CAN SEE SOME RATIONAL FOR HIGH LEVEL IF PERSON
IS INDEED TO DEVOTE FULL 100 PERCENT TIME TO PROJECT, SINCE HRA WILL
PROBABLY HAVE TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF SUPPLEMENTAL
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INCOME FROM ONE OR MORE PRIVATE SOURCES IF THEY ARE TO
GET FIRST RATE PERSON; ESPECIALLY IF A PHYSICIAN.
HOWEVER, LEVELS FOR SOME OTHERS E.G. RESEARCH ASSISTANTS AT
LE.5,556/YR AND SECRETARIES AT LE 3,611/YR ARE QUITE HIGH. RESEARCH
ASSISTANT AND SECRETARIAL SALARIES EXCEED NORMAL SCALE
FOR FULL PROFESSORS. PRESUMABLY THERE WOULD BE LESS NEED TO
COMPETE WITH OUTSIDE INCOME SOURCES FOR THESE POSITIONS.

ALSO, PER DIEM FOR WAE CONSULTANTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
(LE.55.56;36) WHILE APPROPRIATE FOR US BASED PERSONAL, ARE
EXCESSIVE FOR RESIDENT EGYPTIAN NATIONALS.

3. WE ALSO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION
OF WORK PLAN; PARTICULARLY PLANNING AND SCHEDULES FOR
COMMITTEE MTGS. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE COMMITTEES SIMPLY MEET
TO USE UP BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT; PARTICULARLY
WITH HIGH RATES CITED. WE ASSUME THAT CRITERIA DEVELOPED BETWEEN
HEW PROJECT OFFICER AND PROJ. DIRECTOR HERE WILL ESTABLISH
FIRM GUIDELINES GOVERNING MTG. SCHEDULES.

4. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROJECT TO MOH AND ITS JWG CONTEXT, WE
WILL PRESS MOH ON DESIGNATION OF DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS
AND PROJECT DIRECTOR. CONCERNS EXPRESSED SHOULD BE TAKEN UP
INFORMALLY WITH THOSE PERSONS, WITH ATTENTION TO QUESTIONS OF
FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT SECRETARIAL STAFF AND
PART TIME EFFORTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE SHOULD BE INFORMED
ON ELEMENTS OF SALARIES; E.G. DOES INDIVIDUAL HAVE TO PAY
TAXES, RETIREMENT, INSURANCE, ETC.? THESE WOULD BE
DETERMINANTS IN SALARY LEVELS.

5. SINCE MOH HAS NOT YET IDENTIFIED FOR US RESPONSIBLE
OFFICIAL OR PROJECT DIRECTOR, WE FEEL BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO
DISCUSS CONCERNS INFORMALLY WITH EGYPTIANS AT JWG MTG. WITH
A VIEW TO BETTER DEFINITION AND REVISION AS APPROPRIATE.
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